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VENOM

FIRST HOST

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YEARS AGO, A CHANCE ENCOUNTER LED TO DISGRACED REPORTER EDDIE BROCK BONDING WITH AN AGGRESSIVE ALIEN ORGANISM KNOWN AS A SYMBIOTE. UNITED BY THEIR SIMILAR NEED FOR JUSTICE IN THE FORM OF VENGEANCE, AND GIFTED WITH POWERS SIMILAR TO THOSE OF SPIDER-MAN (ALONG WITH UNIQUE ABILITIES), THE TWO FIGHT CRIME AS THE WICKED WEB-SLINGER VENOM. BUT BEFORE THERE WAS VENOM, THERE WAS...

VENOM

FIRST HOST



THE VENOM SYMBIOTE'S FIRST HOST, A KREE WARRIOR NAMED TEL-KAR, RETURNED TO CLAIM THE SYMBIOTE FOR HIS OWN. THREATENING TO BOND WITH ITS MOST RECENT OFFSPRING, TEL-KAR KIDNAPPED VENOM AND USED IT TO STEAL A SKRULL WEAPON OF MASS DESTRUCTION.

WITH NO OTHER CHOICE, EDDIE BONDED TO THE SYMBIOTE'S NEWEST SPAWN, SLEEPER, AND PARTNERED WITH SKRULL WARBRIDE M'LANZ TO STOP TEL-KAR AND RESCUE VENOM.

THE TRIO WERE ABLE TO INTERCEPT TEL-KAR AT A SECRET SKRULL MILITARY SITE, BUT NOT BEFORE TEL-KAR GOT HIS HANDS ON THE BIOLOGICAL WEAPON AND CALLED IN REINFORCEMENTS!

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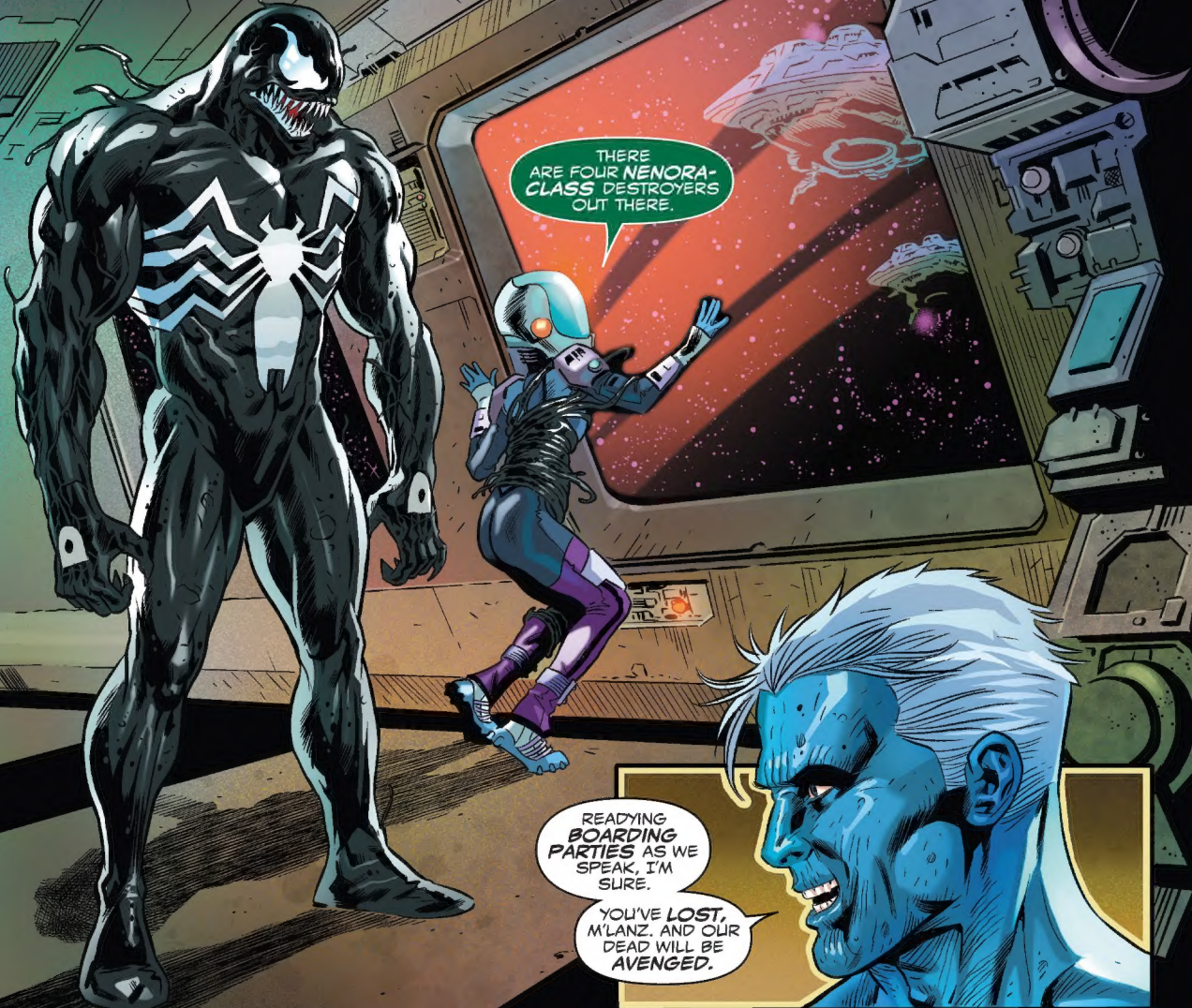
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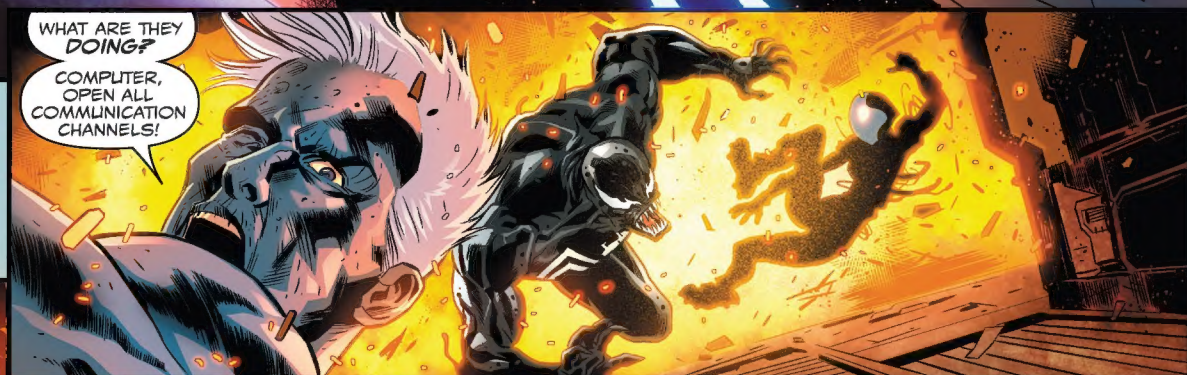
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SUIT. ARE YOU STRONG ENOUGH TO TRICK TEL-KAR INTO LOSING TRACK OF US?

I...CAN TRY...



RUN!
GET OUR SPAWN OUT.

WE WILL PREVENT TEL-KAR FROM FOLLOWING!

LIKE HELL!



WE CAME ALL THIS WAY TO SAVE THAT DAMN SYMBIOTE--NOT TO WATCH IT DIE IN A GRUDGE MATCH.

BUT...

NO, EDDIE! DON'T WANT TO TOUCH HIM!



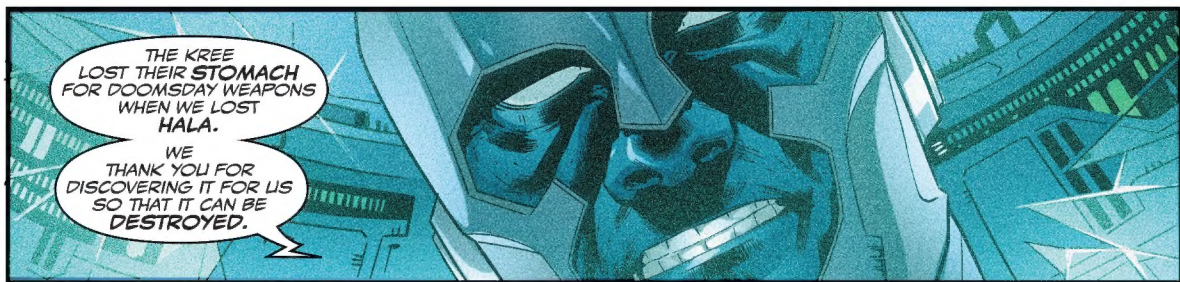
DON'T WANT TO RISK BEING A SLAVE AGAIN!



YOU WERE
HANDLED TO THE
SKRULLS AS A TRAITOR
AND A WAR CRIMINAL,
TEL-KAR. DID YOU
THINK THAT WOULD
CHANGE?



BUT I'VE
FOUND THE BIOWEAPON!
I HAVE IT IN MY GRASP!
I'VE BROUGHT YOU
VICTORY!



THE KREE
LOST THEIR **STOMACH**
FOR DOOMSDAY WEAPONS
WHEN WE LOST
HALA.

WE
THANK YOU FOR
DISCOVERING IT FOR US
SO THAT IT CAN BE
DESTROYED.



BUT I'VE
GOT VALUABLE
HOSTAGES. A
SKRULL WARBRIDE.
A PAIR OF KLYNTAR
SYMBIOTES
WORTH--

WHAT--?



NO!



NO.

THE KREE
EMPIRE HAS LITTLE
USE FOR A THIEF AND A
TRAITOR, TEL-KAR. THE WAR
IS OVER, AND WITH IT SO
TOO DIE THE TALES OF
YOUR VICTORIES.

TAKE COMFORT
IN KNOWING THAT
YOUR *CRIMES* WILL LIVE
ON IN THAT SAME
SILENCE.

GOOD
JOURNEY.





YOU'RE
REALLY **THIS** GOOD
A PILOT? TO RUN A
CORDON?

IT'S A
STEALTH SHIP.
AND WE'VE GOT THE
ADVANTAGE THAT THEY'RE NOT
LOOKING FOR US. TEL-KAR
CONTACTED THEM
BEFORE WE
ARRIVED.

WE SHOULD
HAVE BEEN THE
ONES TO KILL HIM.
IT'S NOT VERY
SATISFYING.

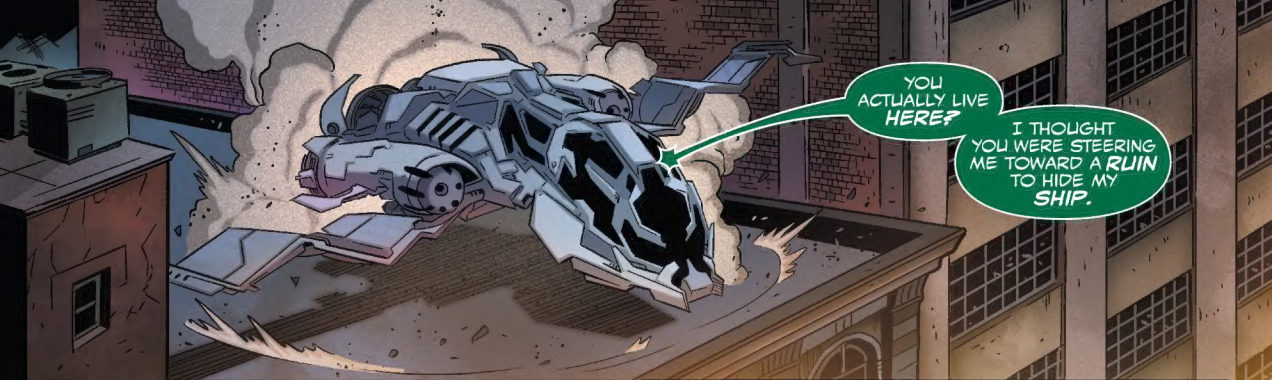


A ZEALOT
OBSESSED WITH
GENOCIDE BEING
EXECUTED FOR HIS CRIMES
BY HIS OWN PEOPLE ISN'T
SATISFYING?

NOT TO
US.

I LOOK
FORWARD TO DROPPING
YOU OFF AT HOME,
BROCK.





YOU
ACTUALLY LIVE
HERE?

I THOUGHT
YOU WERE STEERING
ME TOWARD A RUIN
TO HIDE MY
SHIP.



WE DON'T
FIGHT FOR MONEY
OR STATUS,
M'LANZ.

WE FIGHT
BECAUSE WE ARE
COMPELLED.



WELL THAT, AT
LEAST, WE HAVE IN
COMMON.

YOU FOUGHT
WELL TODAY, AND I
RESPECT IT. BUT IF YOU'RE
EVER IN SKRULL SPACE...
DON'T LOOK ME UP.



DON'T
WORRY.
WE'VE HAD QUITE
ENOUGH OF
SPACE.

WE
INTEND TO
STAY BACK
HOME
NOW.



BACK
IN OUR
CITY.



WHAT DO YOU MEAN I'M NOT ON THE LIST?



I'M SORRY, SIR. YOU'RE NOT EXPECTED TODAY.

I'M HERE TO SEE LIZ ALLAN. I'M ALWAYS EXPECTED.

I'M TRYING TO DO THIS THE GENTLEMANLY WAY BUT IF YOU WANT TO MAKE IT DIFFICULT--

EDDIE BROCK?



HARRY OSBORN. I'M HERE TO SEE YOUR WIFE. TELL THIS IDIOT I'M ON THE LIST.

YOU'RE NOT ON THE LIST, EDDIE. YOU'RE NEVER GOING TO BE ON THE LIST AGAIN. YOU'RE TOO BIG A RISK, AND LIZ IS DONE WITH YOU.



THIS IS RIDICULOUS. WE ARE HERE TO TELL HER THAT WE'RE DONE WITH HER! THE...SUIT WILL NO LONGER BE STAYING HERE. WE WILL GUARANTEE ITS SAFETY OURSELVES.



WELL, I GUESS CONSIDER YOUR MESSAGE DELIVERED. AND FOR THE RECORD, BROCK, I NEVER LIKED YOU.

STRUTTING AROUND MY WIFE'S COMPANY LIKE A HIGH SCHOOL JOCK.

YOUR SYMBIOTE HELPED OUT WHEN MY FAMILY WAS AT RISK, AND I'M GRATEFUL FOR THAT. BUT DON'T PUSH IT.



WANT TO GET A DRINK?



I ALMOST
LOST MY **WHOLE**
FAMILY. I'VE LOST
THINGS BEFORE, BUT NOW
THERE'S A KID AND IT'S
DIFFERENT.

I DON'T
HAVE A LOT OF
PEOPLE TO TALK
TO ABOUT THIS
STUFF. I'VE...

...GOT A LOT
OF ANGER.

YEAH. I
NOTICED.

YOU GONNA PRETEND YOU'RE BETTER
THAN ME? I WASN'T THE **ONLY** ONE
BUZZING AROUND THE CITY WITH A BIG
SLOBBERY GRIN ON MY FACE,
PSYCHOTICALLY FOCUSED ON
KILLING SPIDER-MAN.



OKAY. FINE,
WE'VE BOTH DONE
THINGS WE'RE NOT
PROUD OF.

EXACTLY.

THOUGH...

I TAKE
A LITTLE BIT OF
PRIDE IN KNOWING
THAT HE WAS MOST
SCARED OF
ME.



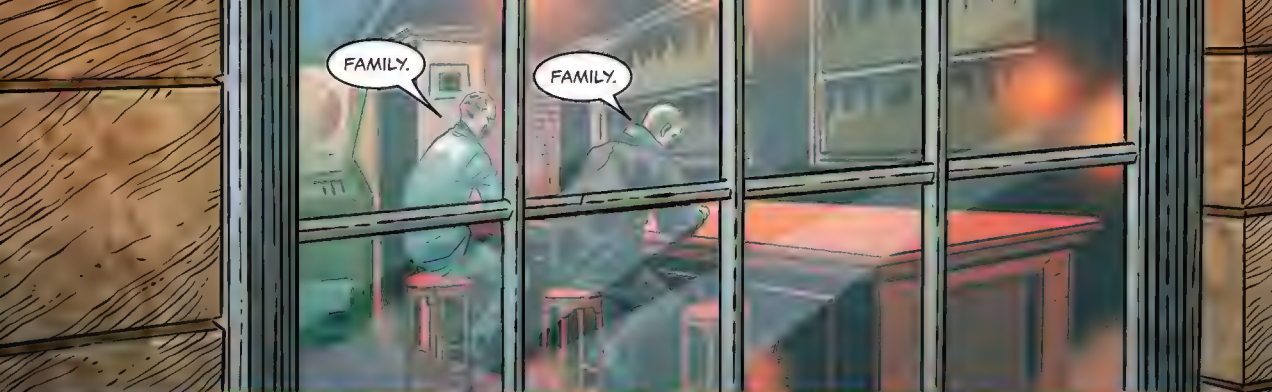
YOU'RE
KIDDING,
RIGHT?

WHO ELSE?
I WAS IN HIS
HEAD.



I'M
NOT HAVING THIS
CONVERSATION.

THE
POINT IS--
I FOUND SOMETHING
MORE IMPORTANT TO ME
THAN THE HATE. AND IT
GOT ME THROUGH
IT.



FAMILY.

FAMILY.



HAVING A KID
TO TAKE CARE OF..
IT'LL MAKE YOU **SCARED**.
MORE SCARED THAN
YOU'VE EVER **BEEN**...
BUT IT'LL MAKE YOU
BETTER.

AND WHEN
PEOPLE COME AND
BRING DANGER-**GOD**
HELP THEM. BECAUSE
IT'LL MAKE YOU
STRONGER
TOO.

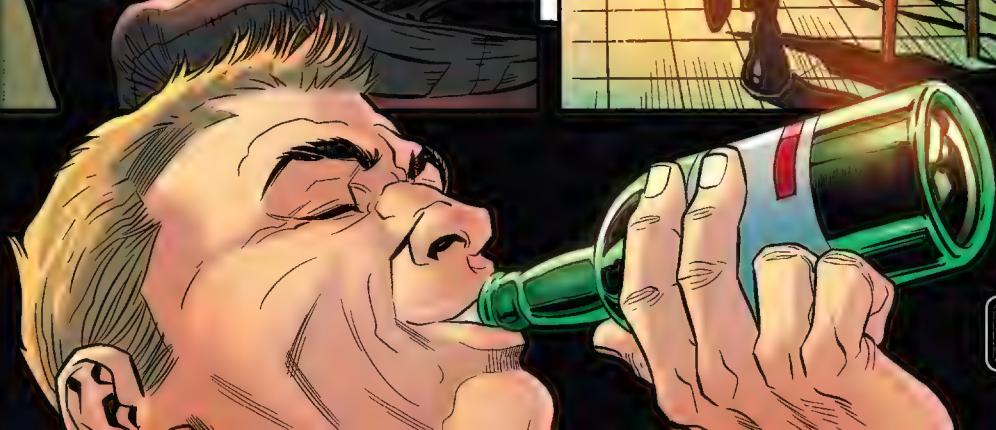


JUST FOCUS
ON BEING A GOOD
MENTOR. BECAUSE, YOU
KNOW, IT'S A MONSTER
FROM **OUTER**
SPACE.

SO RAISE
IT RIGHT OR
GOD HELP
US ALL.



THAT'S WHAT WE'RE
DOING, EDDIE.



WE ARE
RAISING IT.
RIGHT.





SLOW AND
CAREFUL,
EDDIE.

THERE'S STILL
ENOUGH CHARGE
LEFT IN THIS WEAPON
TO KILL THIS
ABOMINATION.



WHAT DO
YOU WANT? THE
SYMBIOTE BACK
AGAIN?

NO! CAN'T GO BACK
TO PRISON! CAN'T
BE A SLAVE!

BUT...CAN'T LET
HIM HURT THE
OFFSPRING, EITHER!



THAT
BROKEN,
DISLOYAL THING?
KEEP IT. YOU'LL
SUFFER MORE
THAT WAY.



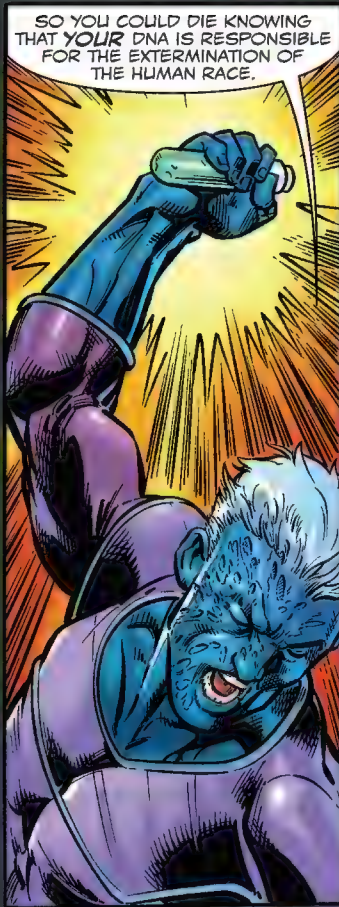
I MANAGED TO RESCUE ONE
CULTURE OF THE BIOWEAPON
BEFORE I WAS BETRAYED...
AND I BROUGHT IT HERE
TO OPEN IN FRONT
OF YOU.

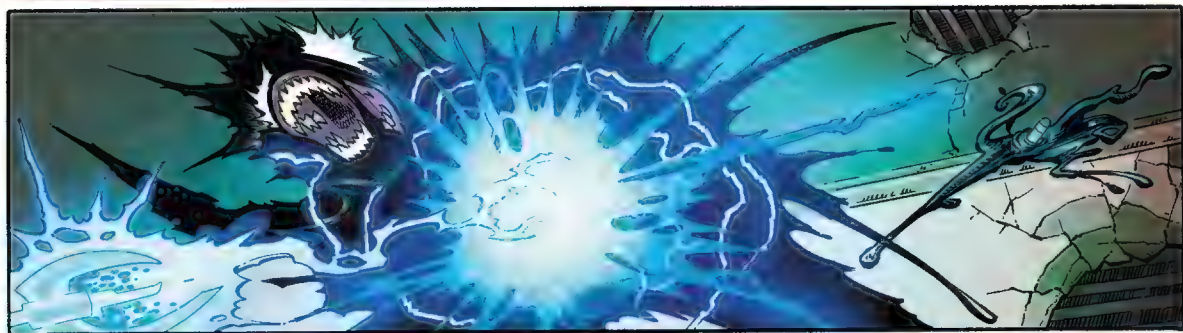
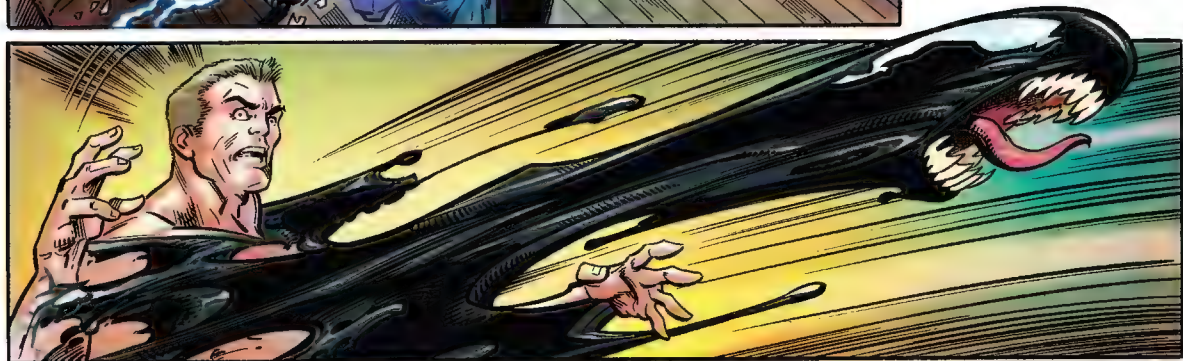
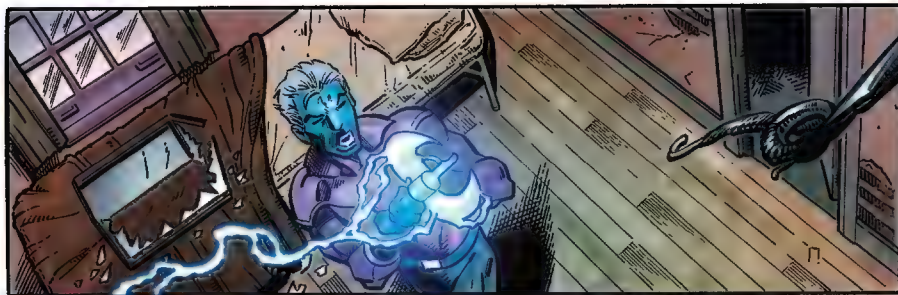


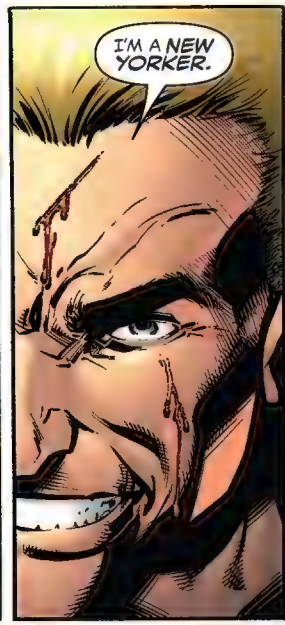
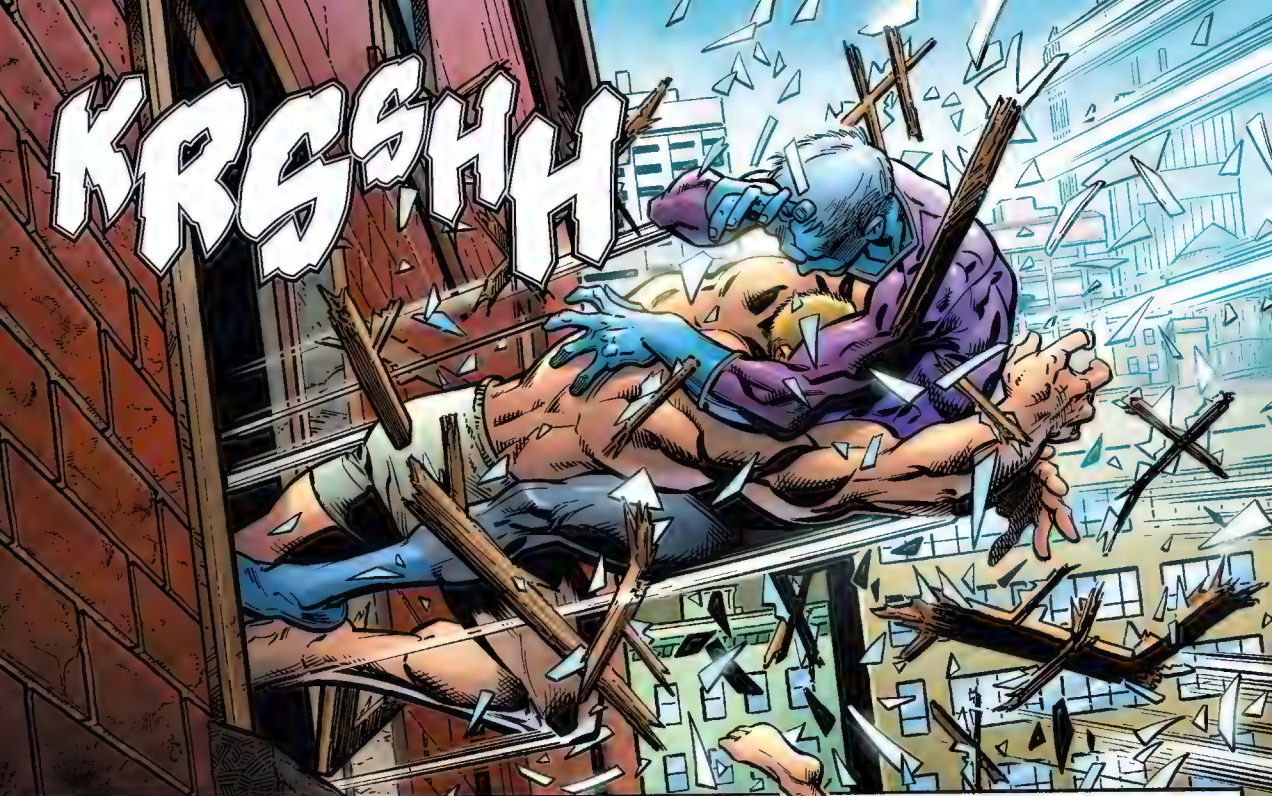
YOU'VE TAKEN MY WORLD
FROM ME, BROCK.

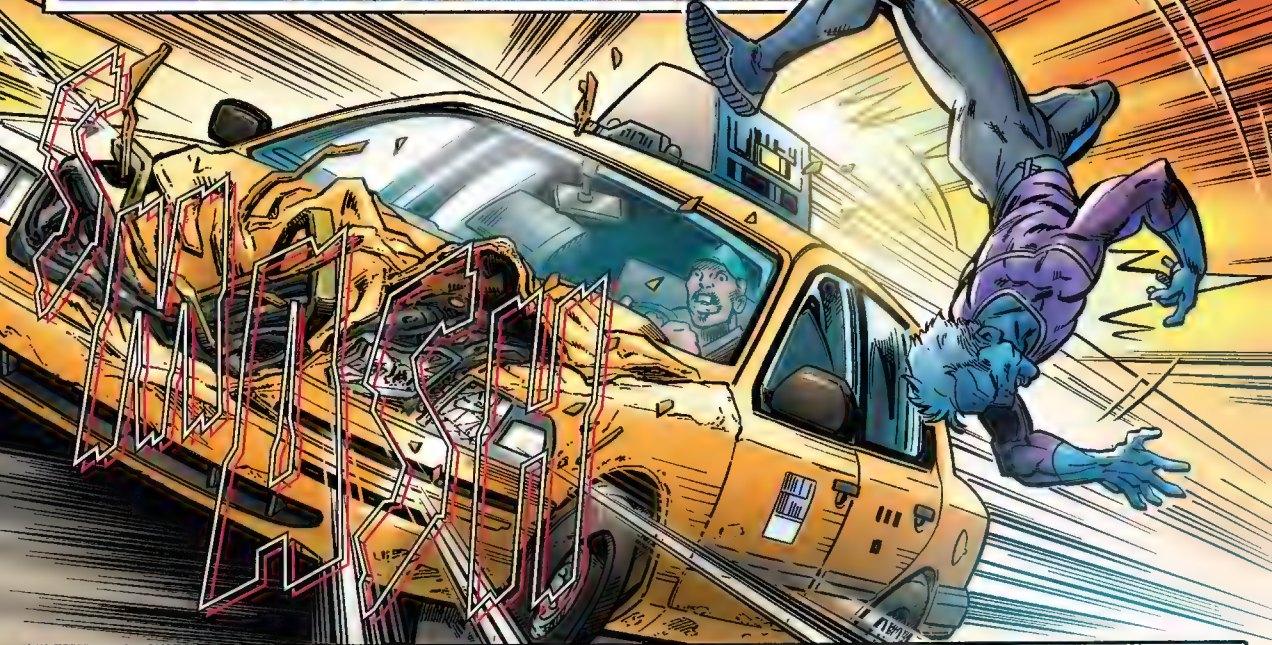
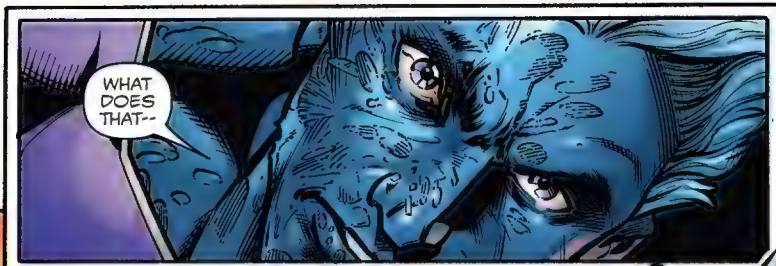
MY PEOPLE.
MY RACE. THE
MISSION THAT KEPT
ME ALIVE ALL THOSE
YEARS IN THE DARKEST
PLACE IN THE
GALAXY.

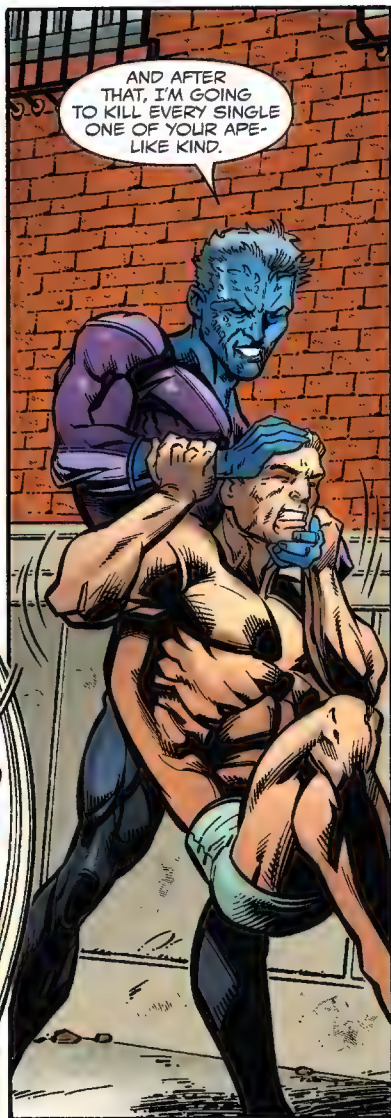
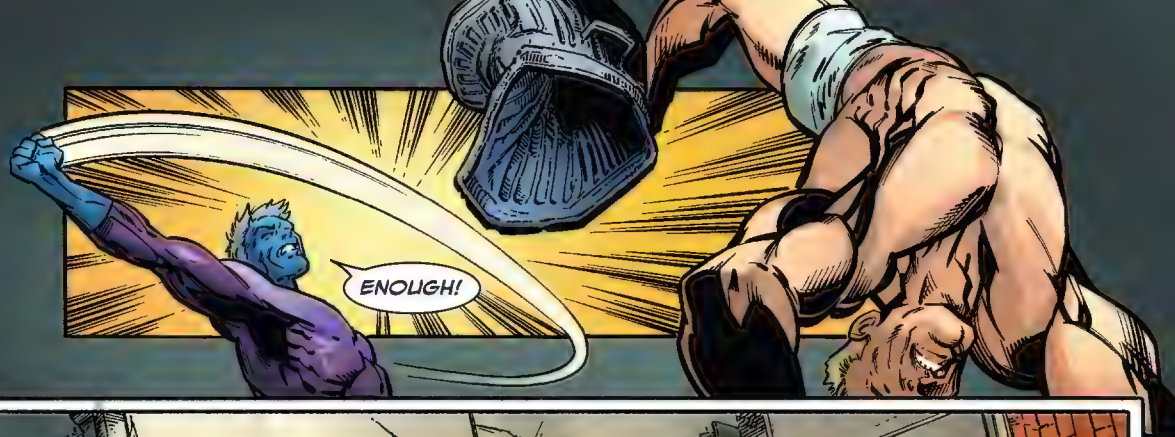
SO I'LL
RETURN THE
FAVOR AND TAKE
YOUR WORLD
FROM YOU.







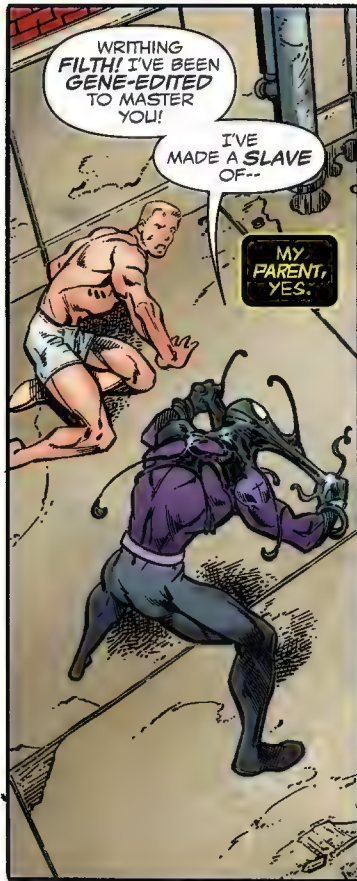






“RIDICULOUS--

GET OFF!”



“WRITHING
FILTH! I’VE BEEN
GENE-EDITED
TO MASTER
YOU!”

“I’VE
MADE A SLAVE
OF--

“MY
PARENT,
YES.”



“BUT NOT
OF ME.”

“AAAAHHH!”



“IT’S TRUE. THERE ARE
STRUCTURES IN YOUR BRAIN
THAT LOOK ARTIFICIALLY
ENHANCED.”

“YOU WON’T BE NEEDING
THOSE ANYMORE.”

“A--

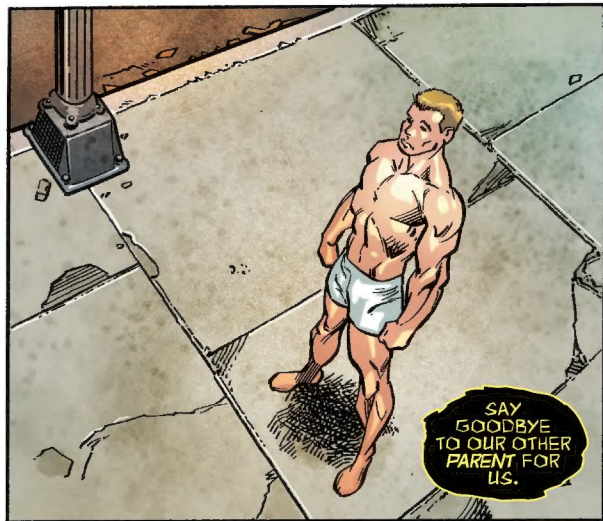
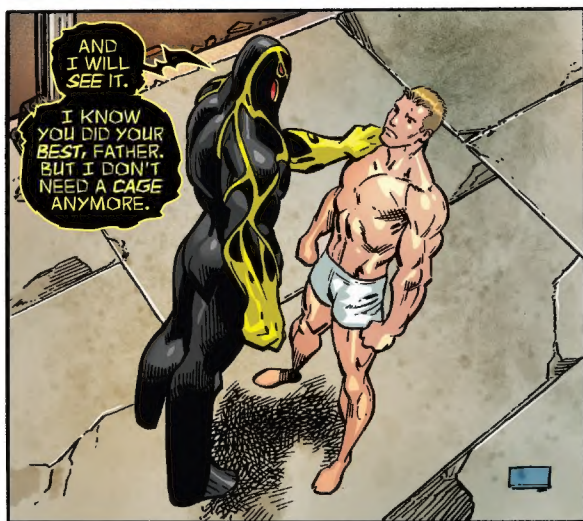
“A--

“A--



“WHAT...
WHAT DID YOU
DO?”

“I
LOBOTOMIZED
HIM.”





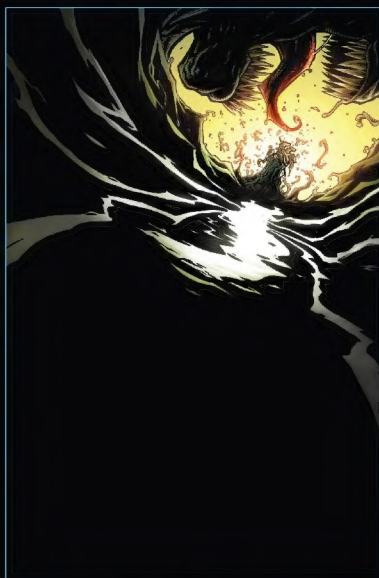
THE END.

VENOM'S NEXT ADVENTURE HAS ALREADY BEGUN!

DON'T MISS OUT ON THE SUMMER BLOCKBUSTER THAT EVERYONE'S BEEN TALKING ABOUT
FROM DONNY CATES AND RYAN STEGMAN.



VENOM #1



VENOM #2



VENOM #3



VENOM #4



VENOM #5



VENOM #6

ALL ISSUES ON SALE NOW!



AN  ROBOROS
RELEASE - DCP